Acquiring new Aircraft by Air India

38. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Air India is acquiring four 747-400s to augment its existing fleet;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what are the terms and conditions under which these aircraft would be acquired; and

(d) what is the total cost involved in the transaction?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Four Boeing 747-400 (passenger version) aircraft will be acquired in 1993 and 1994 at an estimated cost of Rs. 1962.03 crores with a foreign exchange component of Us $ 667.09 million.

Resignation of pilots from Indian Airlines

39. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of pilots, especially commanders of Airbus-300, Airbus-320 and boeing, separately, who have, recently submitted their resignation from Indian Airlines;

(b) what is the expenditure incurred per person on the training of these pilots;

(c) what steps Government are contemplating to stop this exodus;

(d) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a statement made by the Chairman of the Indian Airlines to the effect that those pilots who want to go may do so and Indian Airlines is not concerned about it; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) During the period between November 1991 and October 1992, 35 pilots have submitted their resignation details of which are as under:

	A-300	A-320	B-737
Commander	-	4	25
Co-pilot	2	1	3

(b) The estimated expenditure incurred per pilot for each stage of training is as under:

	(Rs. in lakhs)
Trainee pilot to Boeing Co-pilot	12.30
Boeing Co-pilot to A-320 Co-pilot	4.60
A-320 Co-pilot to A-300 Co-pilot	6.90
A-300 Co-pilot to Boeing Commander	5.20
Boeing Commander to A-320 Commander	8.45

(c) While the senior pilots are not bound by any bond, all the pilots who have joined the Airlines recently are required to execute a bond for Rs. 10 lakhs with the stipulation to serve the Indian Airlines for a minimum period of 10 years in the first instance and for a further period of 10 years after every conversion/endorsement. It has also been decided to recruit and train pilots in sufficient numbers to take care of the exodus of pilots.

(d) The Chairman and Managing Director, Indian Airlines has denied making any such statement.

(e) Does not arise.

Construction of airports by Pvt. Airline Corporation

40. SHRI S.K.T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are being taken by Government to curb the unethical and malafide means of tempting with exorbitant salary, to wean senior pilots, now working with public undertaking, commercial airlines Corporations of India, adopted by the newly emerging